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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

**Please cancel Claims 33-40 without prejudice.**

- 1-26 (Canceled)
27. (Previously presented) An isolated DNA molecule which codes for a protein of the TGF- $\beta$  family, wherein said protein has chondrogenic activity *in vivo* and comprises a sequence WIIAPLEYEAYHCEGVCDFPLRSHLEPTNHA (SEQ ID NO:24).
28. (Previously presented) An expression vector comprising the isolated DNA molecule of Claim 27.
29. (Previously presented) A host cell transformed with the vector of Claim 28.
30. (Previously presented) The host cell of Claim 29 wherein said cell is eukaryotic.
31. (Previously presented) The host cell of Claim 30 wherein said cell is mammalian.
32. (Previously presented) A process for the production of a protein of the TGF- $\beta$  family comprising the steps of culturing the host cell of Claim 29 in a culture media, and isolating a protein of the TGF- $\beta$  family therefrom.
- 33-40 (Canceled)